

Name of Lead Agency	North Range Behavioral Health Center
Location	Fort Collins, CO
Title of Project	Northeastern Colorado Child Welfare Project (NRBH)
Program Option	RPG 3-Year Grant; \$1,000,000 annually
Geographic Area and Congressional District Served	Weld and Larimer County Congressional District 4
Brief Program Description	NRBH provided integrated substance abuse, mental health and community services to children and families in Larimer and Weld Counties who were involved with the child welfare system, particularly those involved with methamphetamine. The project focused on increasing the safety, well-being and permanency of at-risk children by providing a continuum of integrated services to those children, their parents and caregivers and their families' support system. Two new Family Treatment Courts (FTCs) opened (one each of the counties) and one pre-existing FTC in Weld County was expanded to include additional components.
Target Population	<p>The project targeted:</p> <p>Families that met the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and families who have entered the Weld or Larimer County child welfare system and showed evidence of methamphetamine use by parent or caretaker • Families of individuals who have entered into a drug court in the 8th or 19th Judicial District
Participants Served	<p>Children: 197</p> <p>Adults: 149</p> <p>Families: 92</p>
Major Goals	<p>Major program goals included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing parental substance abuse more effectively • Addressing the needs of children so that they can become healthy, successful adults, despite parental substance abuse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting cross-agencies collaboration to increase the quality, appropriateness and effectiveness of services for families involved with substance abuse and the child welfare systems
Key Major Program Services	<p>Case Management and In-Home Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive/Coordinated Case Management Family Group Decision Making/Family Case Conferencing Wraparound/Intensive In-Home Services <p>Mental Health and Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trauma-Informed Services Trauma-Specific Services – Seeking Safety <p>Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensive Outpatient – Matrix Model Aftercare/Continuing Care Family-Centered Treatment New Family Treatment Drug Court <p>Housing Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Support Services Housing Assistance Transitional/Short-Term Housing <p>Children’s Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Intervention Services Developmental Services Therapeutic Services Trauma Services <p>Engagement/Involvement of Fathers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted Outreach to Fathers Specialized Program or Services for Fathers <p>Specialized Outreach, Engagement and Retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Strategies – Motivational Interviewing, Motivational Enhancement Therapy, Contingency Management Co-located Staff Screen/Assess/Brief Interventions Peer/Parent Mentor
Partner Agencies and	Child Welfare

Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional/County Child Welfare Agency <p>Substance Abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional/County Substance Abuse Treatment Agency <p>Other Evaluation and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluator (University-affiliated or other) • Consultant/Training <p>Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Treatment Drug Court <p>Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Legal and Related Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Services/Client Advocacy <p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional/County Mental Health Agency
Evaluation Design and Comparison Group Type	<p>Quasi-experimental</p> <p>Same-Time, Matched Population-Level</p>
Performance Indicators	<p>Safety</p> <p>Average Length of Stay in Foster Care: Among those children placed in foster care, the comparison group spent more time in foster care (11.49 months) than the FTC group (8.80 months).</p> <p><u>Parenting:</u> Results indicate that overall parental capabilities, measured using the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS) and assessed by caseworkers, improved significantly. Comparison of the intake and discharge ratings on overall parental capabilities reveals that 75.0 percent of the FTC families and 67.0 percent of the comparison families were rated as having a problem (mild, moderate, or serious) at intake, whereas only 10.0 percent of the families were rated as having a problem at discharge.</p> <p>Recovery</p> <p><u>Retention in Substance Abuse Treatment:</u> FTC parents averaged more days per treatment episode than the comparison group.</p> <p>Adult Well-Being</p> <p><u>Education and Employment:</u> The percentage of clients reporting employment increased from 37.2 percent to 56.3 percent from program intake to discharge.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Functioning:</u> The percentage of clients reporting overall symptom severity, anxiety symptoms and depressive issues decreased</p>

	significantly from intake to discharge for the FTC treatment group. On the overall symptom severity item, the percentage of clients experiencing problems decreased from 71.0 percent to 35.0 percent, demonstrating a 50.7 percent change. Items were assessed using the Colorado Client Assessment Record (CCAR).
Sustainability Status	Both FTCs continued beyond grant funding by using existing local resources.